S.No.	Name of the company
7	M/s. Al-Adnan, New Delhi
8	M/s Shad India Agencies, New Delhi
9	M/s. World Trade Travel Associates, Bombay.
10	M/s. Al Taaun Enterprises, Bombay.

Military Mobilisation in Tibet by China along Indian Border

1065. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether China has carried out a major military mobilisation in Tibet on India's borders and that the mobilisation was carried out right through the outgoing winter;

(b) what are the reasons therefor as per Government's information;

(c) whether Government have taken up the matter with China; and

(d) what steps have been taken by Government to meet the new threat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) Government have received such reports, although the Chinese authorities have categorised them as "a sheer rumour". However, Government have repeatedly stressed to the Chinese Governmnt the need to reduce tension, maintain the *status quo* and preserve peace and tranquility all along the Sino-India Boundary.

(d) Necessary, steps have been taken to meet the situation.

केन्द्रीय विष विज्ञान अनुसंधान केन्द्र, लखनऊ के विरुद्ध शिकायतें

1066. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या **पर्यावरण और वन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या पर्यावरण विभाग को केन्द्रीय औद्योगिक अनुसंधान परिषद, लखनऊ के केन्द्रीय विष विज्ञान अनुसंधान केन्द्र (प्रयोगशाला) द्वारा किये गये शोध कार्य के विरुद्ध हाल ही में शिकायतें मिली हैं ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उन पर क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जेड० आर० अन्सारी) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

नेशनल हैण्डलूम डेवलपमेंट कारपोरेशन

1067. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या **वस्त्र** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) नेशनल हैण्डलूम डेवलपमेंट कारपोरेशन जिसका हैड आफिस लखनऊ में है, को हथकरघा उद्योग में किस तरह का काम करने के लिये स्थापित किया गया था ; और

(ख) कारपोरेशन द्वारा सन् 1982 से अब तक बुनकर समुदाय के कुल कितने लोगों को नौकरियां दी गयी ?

वस्त्र मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री एस० कृष्ण कुमार) : (क) भारत सरकार ने ऐसे राज्य में राष्ट्रीय हथकरघा विकास निगम के मुख्यालय को स्थापित करना वांछनीय समझा जिसमें बड़ी मात्रा में हथकरघे हैं । हथकरघा क्षेत्र के विकास को बढ़ावा देने के उद्देश्य से अवस्थापनात्मक सहायता की आवश्यकता है । इसलिए, लखनऊ में एन एच डी सी के मुख्यालय को स्थापित करने का निर्णय

किया गया । यह निगम निम्नोक्त तरीकों से हथकरघा उद्योग की मदद करता है :—

(i) राज्य स्तरीय हथकरघा एजेंसियों के जरिए हथकरघा बुनकरों के लिए यार्न, रंजक तथा रसायन जैसे अन्तर्निविष्टि साधनों की अभिप्राप्ति तथा उनका वितरण करके ।

(ii) हथकरघों के संवर्धन तथा विपणन में मदद करके ।

(iii) अन्य विकासात्मक कार्यकलापों जैसे कि प्रदर्शनियों में भागीदारी तथा क्वालिटी नियंत्रण विपणन आदि पर सेमिनारों का आयोजन करके ।

(iv) संचार अभियानों के जरिए बुनकरों को जानकारी का प्रसार करके ।

(ख) इस निगम को 1983 में ही नियमित किया गया, और तब इसके द्वारा बुनकर समुदाय से संबंधित छः व्यक्तियों को रोजगार दिया गया है ।

Problems of Cigarettee-Tobacco Growers

1068. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a delegation called on him on the 9th April, 1987 and submitted to him a memorandum in regard to the crisis being faced by the cigarette-tobacco growers in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the details of their demand and what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) Several delegations of tobacco growers have met Commerce Minister during the recent past regarding lesser purchases of tobacco at the auction platforms in Andhra Pradesh this year compared to last year. The demands included larger purchases of tobacco at remunerative prices, upward revision of Minimum Support Prices, boosting of exports etc. Ministry of Commerce and the Tobacco Board have taken a series of measures to assist the farmers. The steps taken *inter-alia* are:—

(1) USSR has been requested to purchase larger quantity of tobacco.

(2) The Bulgarian Monopoly has been requested to buy larger quantity of tobacco.

(3) Discussions have been held with the Checoslovakian and Chinese delegations, which visited India recently. They have been requested to step up their purchases.

(4) The Tobacco Board has explored the potential markets for tobacco in Egypt and Algeria. Delegations are being sent shortly to these countries. The Tobacco Board would also explore new markets in Spain, Portugal, France and Sweden for Indian tobacco.

(5) State Trading Corporation of India has started commercial purchase of tobacco at auction platforms.

(6) The Tobacco Board has entered the auctions, where there are no bidders, for purchase of tobacco at the Minimum Support Prices.

(7) The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has been requested to instruct the State agencies to intensify buying tobacco and provide support to the growers.

(8) The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has also been requested to consider providing inputs like coal and fertilizers to farmers on soft terms.

(9) The Tobacco Board has refixed the price differential of Minimum Support Prices for grades other than the basic grades of F2 and L2.